GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF HUJI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangladeshi terrorist outfit, HUJI is active in anti-national activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of Bangladeshi terrorist outfits active in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the anti-national activities of these terrorist outfits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per available information, the activities of Harkat-ul-Jehad al-.Islami- Bangladesh (HUJAI-BD) for their involvement in anti-India activities have come to notice since 2005. The involvement of this organization and its activists has been reported in the suicide terrorist attack at Special Task Force (STF) Office in Hyderabad in October, 2005, twin bomb blasts in Varanasi in March, 2006, etc.

(c): The Government remains firmly committed to countering the challenge posed by terrorist organisations. Towards this end, a multi-pronged strategy is pursued in close conjunction with the State Governments, which involves measures to check infiltration from across the borders, deployment of Central Security Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, continuous vigilance and strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, gathering and sharing of intelligence, strengthening of State Police forces and upgradation of their skills and technical capabilities to deal with terrorist activities through the schemes of Police Modernization, and raising of India Reserve Battalions, etc. Efforts are also made to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the aim of combating terrorism through arrangements for Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition Treaties, exchange of information and intelligence etc. Besides, security concerns are also taken with Bangladesh through the bilateral mechanisms set up for the purpose.